

Subpart B—Paying for Common Carrier Transportation

§ 301–51.100 What method of payment must I use to procure common carrier transportation?

You must use a Government contractor-issued individually billed travel

card, centrally billed account, or GTR to procure contract passenger transportation services. For all other common carrier transportation, you must use one of the methods specified in the following table:

For passenger transportation services costing	You must use	Unless
(a) \$10 or less, and air excess baggage charges of \$15 or less for each leg of a trip.	A Government contractor-issued individually billed travel card, centrally billed account, or	Use of the Government contractor-issued individually billed travel card is not accepted or its use is impracticable, special circumstances justify the use of a GTR or Government excess baggage authorization ticket (GEBAT).
(b) More than \$10, but not more than \$100.	A Government contractor-issued individually billed travel card, centrally billed account, or GTR.	None of the other methods are practicable, you may use cash.
(c) More than \$100	Only a Government contractor-issued individually billed travel card, centrally billed account, or GTR.	Your agency authorizes you to use a reduced fare for group, charter, or excursion arrangements or under emergency circumstances where the use of other methods is not possible.

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§ 301–51.101 Which payment methods are considered the equivalent of cash?

Use of one of the following payment methods of this section to procure common carrier transportation is considered the equivalent of cash and you must comply with the rules in 41 CFR 101–41.203–2 that limit the use of cash for such purposes.

- (a) Personal credit cards;
- (b) Cash withdrawals obtained from an ATM using a Government contractor-issued individually billed travel card; and
- (c) Checks, both personal and travelers (including those obtained through a travel payment system services program).

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§ 301–51.102 How is my transportation reimbursement affected if I make an unauthorized cash purchase of common carrier transportation?

If you are a new employee or an infrequent traveler who is unaware of proper procedures for purchasing common carrier transportation, your agency may allow reimbursement for the full cost of the

transportation. In all other instances, your reimbursement will be limited to the cost of such transportation using the authorized method of payment.

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§ 301–51.103 What is my liability if I lose a GTR?

You are liable for any Government expenditure that is caused by your negligence in safeguarding the GTR or tickets received in exchange for the GTR. To avoid liability, immediately report a lost or stolen GTR to your administrative office. If the lost or stolen GTR shows the carrier service desired, and point of origin, promptly notify in writing the named carrier and other local initial carriers. Do not use a GTR that is recovered after having been reported as lost or stolen. Instead, report the recovered GTR to your administrative office.

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Subpart C—Receiving Travel Advances

§ 301–51.200 For what expenses may I receive a travel advance?